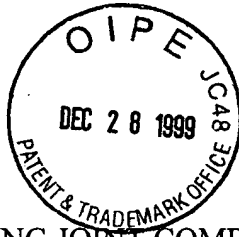


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
James W. Nichol

Serial No.: 09/106,841  
Filed: 06/30/98

For: ANGLED GRIPPING JOINT COMBINATION FOR SUPPORT STRUCTURES



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: Group Art Unit: 3600

: Examiner: Richard M. Smith

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Further to the Office Action of 10/28/99, please find enclosed an Abstract, Specification and Claims as last previously submitted, but re-formatted as requested, together with marked up copies showing the changes. The revised Specification contains no new material.

✓ Also, Claims 1 - 14 are hereby cancelled, and Claims 15 - 28 submitted instead. The replacement Claims 15 - 28 contain the revisions previously submitted under old Claim numbers 1 - 14.

Applicant  
James W. Nichol

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